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## NEW SURVEY IS ORDERED

Gov. Broward Has Instructed Franklin Sheen to Run Line.

## ROUTE VIA SOUTH FORK

Is Believed that this Route will Be Far More Practical and Much Less Expensive to Build.

Information has reached THE TRIBUNE office that Governor Broward has ordered Franklin Sheen, the able surveyor of West Palm Beach, to make a survey of a route from the St. Lucie river to Lake Okechobee. It is understood that Mr. Sheen's route will follow the course of the south fork of the St. Lucie, using the Halpittiokee creek until it passes through the Hamlet Grant, thence along the south line of the grant to the southwest corner of the grant, thence in a southwesterly direction to near south boundary line of township 39, thence on a due west course until it intersects the eastern boundary line of range 37, thence in a northwesterly course to Chancery Bay, on the eastern shore of Lake Okechobee. This route is declared by those who are thoroughly familiar with the country to be far more suitable than the previous route, as it follows the natural depressions and water courses of the land, and runs to the south of the ridges that lay north and south through all the territory between the Indian River and Lake Okechobee, while the former route goes exactly along the divide of the water courses and through the highest point of land in the section.

In conversation with a TRIBUNE reporter, Mr. F. M. Platt, a practical civil engineer and woodsman, who is thoroughly familiar with every foot of ground between Lake Okechobee and the Indian River, stated that a canal cut over the line lately completed would require a cut of 43 feet in passing through the ridges which lie on either side of the Allapattahatche slough, while by adopting a southern route, it would pass to the southward of the ridges there would be no cut over it—both figures based on lowering water in the lake 6 feet.

Another advantage of the southern route is that it would pass through a more desirable track of land, the country being composed of rich being mostly muck, with sandy underlaid with marl and clay. This territory, if brought under cultivation by the completion of the canal, would open up a new garden spot, and every kind of vegetable would flourish. 108 acres of this land, near Fort, was planted two years ago, and every promise of producing excellent crops, but before maturity the country was under water and fields destroyed.

The building of this canal will not be of inestimable advantage to the surrounding country, but good effects will extend far beyond narrow limits, as the successful draining of Lake Okechobee will prevent overflow and the damming up of the creeks and rivers tributary to it, and will make tillable millions of acres of land in Dade, St. Lucie, Monroe, DeSoto, Polk, Osceola and Orange counties, which have no anywhere in the world. The reclamation of this vast expanse of territory will open up a new garden spot for the state, as well as providing untold for pasturage that is now under water.

It is the plan of the governor to have a canal connecting the St. Lucie with Lake Okechobee to be a part inland waterway, the other canal connect Lake Okechobee with the Sabahatchee river, which besides this immense area, will open a way for steamboat transportation to produce to tide water.

It is Governor Broward's firm intention to begin this work as soon as actual route is determined upon, is aided by the presence along the proposed route of representatives of some of the large canal diggers in the country who are preparing bids for building a foot canal. Mr. Browers, a representative of a San Francisco firm, has over both routes, and will present for the work on the new route as the surveyor has completed his work.

Bids are also being asked for construction of dredges and other machinery necessary for the successful carrying of the project by the State, and it not be given out on contract. THE TRIBUNE hopes that the most ideal route will be adopted, and work will not be long in being commenced and rushed to completion in another year.

## MRS. & GLADWIN'S EXTENSIVE WORKS

Mrs. & Gladwin's new boathouse is built on piling some distance from the river to the northeastward. The shop, is nearing completion. The new building is 32x35 feet in size

and will afford much needed accommodation to their growing business. It is connected with the shore by a substantial dock. The large launch which this firm have been building for E. Kiesewetter, an Ohio man, is practically completed and will probably be launched to day. Mr. Kiesewetter is expected to arrive here Sunday. Col. J. F. Budd's fine cabin launch, which has received a thorough overhauling, was launched during the recent high water and will be ready for his use immediately upon his arrival, which is expected in a few days.

The first of the large seine boats which Sears & Gladwin have been building for the Indian River and Lake Worth Fish Company is nearly ready for launching, and work on the second is under way.

It will be remembered that a steam boiler and engine have been installed in the boat shop, in place of gasoline, which had been found to be expensive and not entirely satisfactory. The steam plant affords a steady and reliable source of power and at a small expense, as the waste timber supplies a large part of the necessary fuel.

A large number of boats have been brought for shelter during the unsettled fall weather to the mouth of the creek adjoining the boat yard, and with the various boats under course of construction or repairs present an interesting scene.

## POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE TO WED

THE TRIBUNE is in receipt of the following invitation announcing the coming marriage of a popular young couple who will reside in Fort Pierce:

"Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Frances Gardner, to Mr. Daniel Thomas McCarty, on Wednesday evening, the twenty-fifth of October, nineteen hundred and five, at half after seven o'clock, St. Peter's Episcopal church, Charlotte, North Carolina."

Miss Moore is well and favorably known in Fort Pierce, where she has spent several winters with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Sample, and where she has a host of friends who will welcome her return to our town. She is a lady of many rare traits of character, and her rich voice has attracted many to our churches when she was announced to sing an anthem.

Mr. McCarty is too well known to need comment here. He has lived in this vicinity from boyhood, and grown up among the majority of our people, all of whom have the highest respect and regard for his many gentlemanly and business qualities, and all will unite in extending congratulations on his excellent choice for a life partner.

After the ceremony the bridal couple will leave on an extended tour, visiting several western states, and will be at home to their friends in their elegant new home on the river front after the first of December.

THE TRIBUNE joins the hosts of friends of the contracting parties in extending congratulations and best wishes, in advance.

## POTATOES IN DEMAND

Editor Blackman Advises Growers to Plant this Staple.

## NORTHERN CROP POOR

Exhibits at Fairs in New York and Pennsylvania Show Poor Displays of Potatoes and Cabbage.

Several weeks ago the editor of the Homeseeker left Miami on his annual advertising trip through the states of New York and Pennsylvania. Since arriving north he has visited several fairs, including the New York State fair, at Syracuse, and wrote the following observations for the last issue of the Homeseeker:

At the county fairs we have been greatly disappointed at the small amount of vegetables on exhibited. The potato exhibit at all the fairs has been especially poor. The same can be said of the cabbage display. At each of these fairs we have had the opportunity of meeting hundreds of farmers and conversing with them.

The potato crop throughout New York state is rotting badly in the field. Owing to the continued rains, the growers have not been able to harvest their crop, and the continued water soaked soil hastens decay. A large planter told us that he was digging his crop as fast as possible, and should store none in the cellar as he is afraid they will continue to decay. The blight struck the vines and decay set in.

It is evident that the East Coast potato planters will have a good market for their potato crop this season. We would advise the growers in the southern portion of the East Coast to plant early, get their crop marketed before the Hastings crop come in, so there would be no competition between the two points.

The acreage planted in cabbage in the section where we have traveled is small, with a medium crop. If this is the general condition throughout the cabbage growing districts, there will be good money in Florida cabbages this winter and spring.

We have never seen so many people anxious to learn something reliable in regard to Florida. The cold winters and the unfavorable outcome of the financial part of the business is setting the people thinking, and many are convinced that the far South offers greater advantages, both in climate and tilling the soil.

The outlook now is that the East Coast will have a much greater number of tourists next winter than ever before, and the increase in permanent settlers will be still greater. There are readers of the Homeseeker throughout the north who are coming south this winter for the first time, and a large number of them will purchase land and

engage in vegetable and fruit growing. These we would advise to come early and take plenty of time to decide upon a location.

The East Coast of Florida is destined to become the most thickly settled portion of the United States; it will be the greatest fruit growing section of the south. Property values will continue to increase and he who gets a place there now will reap the harvest from his investment a year or two hence.

## The Tribune Buys Penny's Printery.

In keeping with the announced intention of THE TRIBUNE to always keep in the front in its ability to turn out nothing but first class work, and to be prepared to handle any and all work that the people of the East Coast desire we have purchased the business and outfit of N. O. Penny, the commercial printer of Vero, and have added it to our already well equipped plant. This outfit is now in our office and will be an addition to our facilities for handling any work that may be wanted. We have established a reputation for first class work already, and we wish to assure our patrons that their orders will have our best attention, and we guarantee every order to be executed in the highest degree of perfection known to the art. Bank work, catalogues, halftone work and embossing are among the features that we have no competition in south of Jacksonville.

## THE JAPANESE TEA A GREAT SUCCESS

The members of the Fort Pierce Improvement club have every reason to feel pleased over the success of the Japanese tea and social held at the Fort Pierce hotel Saturday afternoon and evening.

Although rain threatened in the afternoon many ladies and children were in attendance; in fact the afternoon was given over to the little ones and their protectors. By 8 o'clock; however, the hotel was comfortably filled, and the coy little Japanese maids were kept busy serving ice cream to the ever increasing throng.

Every section of this vicinity was well represented, and the affair will go down in history of local events as one of much enjoyment and great success.

The large dining room of the hotel was decorated tastefully with Japanese lanterns and fans, and the attendants at the tables, Misses Morgan, Milton, Olmstead and Kimball, and Mesdames C. T. McCarty and H. B. Paxton, were attired in Japanese costumes and presented a striking array of bright colors, pretty faces and vivacious manners.

About 8 o'clock the floor was cleared and the young people enjoyed "tipping the light fantastic" until the wee sma' hours.

The sale of refreshments during the afternoon and evening netted the Improvement club the sum of \$47, which will be put to good use by this enterprising club.

J. N. Waller, deputy sheriff of Brevard county, and recently nominated for marshal of Titusville, was a visitor in Fort Pierce Thursday.

## EAST COAST OF FLORIDA IS PARADISE REGAINED

St. Lucie County as a Place to Live In. Wabasso, Fla., Oct. 10, 1905.

Editors TRIBUNE:

Before I say anything about this garden spot of Florida, this "Paradise regained" (but for the single drawback of mosquitoes in the three summer months,) I will say that I have lived in Florida for nearly 30 years; in the middle and western parts of the State until six years ago, when I came to Wabasso, then the southern part of Brevard, now the northern part of St. Lucie, and in this best part of a life time one should form an opinion, if observing, that should have some weight.

In referring to this part of Florida (by "this part" I refer to an imaginary line drawn from about the Sebastian river on the north to the St. Lucie river on the south, and comprising the entire strip of ridge land that produces a growth of scrub hickory, the soil being mostly what is known as red soil) as the "garden spot" and the "paradise of Florida," I mean just this: That when people of moderate means find a place that is healthy, congenial as to surroundings, and the easiest place for energy and perseverance to make a living in that there is in these United States of America, it is ideal. Take the mosquitoes away from the section above indicated for the months of June, July and August, and it is paradise.

Let us notice for a little the first condition named, the health of this section. The entire strip of land mentioned lies alone the F. E. C. Ry. and is from one-fourth of a mile to one mile from the Atlantic ocean, in fact it is almost in sight the entire distance. The prevailing winds are east and south-east, coming directly from the thousands of miles of ocean, the purest air in the universe. No one living here for any length of time can help but feel benefited, unless their ailments have become so chronic as to be incurable, and it is the commonest thing to hear new comers say: "Why, what an appetite I have; and I could scarcely eat anything when I came." This is a standing joke on the new comer, and is invariably the

Familiar Quotation of F. E. C. Ry. Aptly Used--Views of Two Correspondents--Florida Offers Opportunities

case. A story is sometimes related, meant to be at Florida's expense, of a person who came to Florida to get rich. His idea was that Florida was one vast solid orange grove, awaiting sub-division, and all he had to do was to select his share—40 acres would be enough—fence out trespassers, and in a year's time ship the fruit and rake in the checks. Well, he did not find it so, and when the year rolled by he journeyed back from whence he came, wiser and poorer in pocket. But that is not all the story. On the way back a fellow traveler, to whom he related his experience, asked him how much per acre he considered the land worth, and he replied that \$1000 an acre would buy it. "Why," said his companion, "how can that be? I would consider it worthless." "Climate, climate," said our Florida friend; "I have not been able to satisfy my appetite for a year." And this is true in this part of Florida. With fish and oysters in abundance, and fruit and vegetables all winter as well as the rest of the year, and the salt breezes blowing around you all the time, and some work mixed in for spice, it seems to me there must be something radically wrong with the person who does not eat, and enjoy, three meals a day.

In another paper I will say something about the other conditions I have named as being inimical to this section of Florida.

E. A. HOLT.

A Desirable Section for Settlers.

White City, Oct. 11, 1905.

Editors TRIBUNE:

In this debut to the many inquiring friends of THE TRIBUNE it is well to present conditions of a general nature. White City is a wide spread village about six miles southward of Fort

Pierce, from one and half to 3 miles west of the F. E. C. Ry., with which it is connected by a shell road.

The first impression to a majority of homeseekers for the East Coast is apt to be unfavorable as to distance from the beautiful waters of Indian river; but getting used to that a settler will perceive advantages which will more than compensate the absence of a water front—and the lovely St. Lucie flowing right through the settlement can afford much of the pleasures of the water.

The balmy atmosphere of the pine woods mingling with the proverbial trade winds is more than compensation for any seeming loss in being a little retired—and when the north-east and northerly winds prevail their chilliness is broken by the protection and warmth arising from the forests.

The lands here are in the main of a twofold nature, (1) the low, rich loam and clay bottom soils, and (2) the high pine and palmetto lands. The first are admirably adapted to all manner of truck farming and sugar cane. The latter are excellent for the citrus fruits and the pineapples—other fruits also, and sugar cane, sweet and Irish potatoes, etc. These lands are so distributed that both may easily be obtained in tracts of 10 acres, and often in five acres.

The most important industry in the long run will be that of the citrus fruit. But the pineapple brings more immediate results. Truck farming has been the mainstay of the place, though handicapped by expenses to the Northern markets. It promises a great business in the near future, when the great trunk lines, it is hoped, shall have offered better facilities of transportation. But at present trucking is being supplanted by the culture of pines, since it has been proven that they attain here the highest perfection in both size and quality. The more valuable a product, the easier the expense of transportation is borne. However, with the rapid increase in population these matters will be adjudged. NON-AND-THEN.

## INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS

Local Items That Were Crowded Out of Regular Column.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

People and Events That Are in the Public Eye--Mention in Miniature of Daily Doings.

Rev. T. W. Tomkies will preach at Stuart next Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Lloyd is reported as being quite ill at her home on North River street.

Mrs. Platts, mother of Dr. Platts, is in Melbourne, where she will spend two months with friends.

The oyster house of Hine & Company has again opened for the season, and the delicious bivalves can be secured at any hour of the day.

The Ladies of the Methodist Aid Society have planned to have a Halloween entertainment which will in due time be well advertised.

M. J. Raulerson killed a large red fox Thursday morning at his place on Five Mile. Mr. Fox was preparing to breakfast on yellow-leg chicken.

Kent Hildreth has joined his father on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, and is holding the position of flagman, having stood the examination well. Capt. Hildreth's run is between Lakeland and Fort Myers.

W. B. Cross' already large fish house is being enlarged by a 14x35 foot addition to the east end, which will afford quite commodious quarters for his thriving fish business. H. B. Paxton is in charge of the work.

Hendry & Goldsmith are receiving their large fall and winter stock, which was bought with the utmost care as to the needs of this section. On our 8th page they tell our readers some things about their line that will be of interest.

O. O. Poppleton took a party over to the ocean at the inlet Tuesday, who report having had a most delightful outing. Those in the party were: Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Tomkies, Mrs. H. E. Hargrove and three children, of Tampa, and Dr. M. M. Hendrix.

Quite a phenomenal catch of sailor's choice was recorded yesterday. Harry Roberts, fishing for Ricou & O'Brien, at one set of his net caught three boat loads of the fish, amounting to 2,500 or 3,000 pounds, or between 10 and 12 barrels. The catch will net something like \$35.

Judge Otis R. Parker, wife and three children arrived from Jacksonville Thursday morning, and will make their home here. They have secured the K. B. Raulerson house in the western part of town, and will make their home there for the present. We extend a cordial welcome to these good people, and hope that they will find Fort Pierce a pleasant place of residence.

The people in the vicinity of Sebastian succeeded yesterday in opening an inlet to the ocean, through the narrow peninsular opposite the mouth of the Sebastian river. Between 40 and 100 men have been engaged in the work all the week. The value of this inlet to the ocean to the people from the Narrows to Eau Gallie cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

The ladies are looking forward to the big millinery and fall goods opening at P. P. Cobb's establishment on November 1 and 2. Mr. Cobb is now receiving the first installments of this stock, which will be the largest and most complete ever displayed in Fort Pierce. His advertisement on our 4th page will tell you some of the special things that will be exhibited on the opening days.

L. Matherson's new dwelling in south Fort Pierce is well on the way to completion. The building is 22x35 feet, two stories in height, and will have eight rooms, kitchen and bath. The frame is all up, the siding on and the roof was finished Wednesday. G. W. Sanderson and son, of West Palm Beach, are doing the work. Mr. Sanderson says that THE TRIBUNE is ahead of any other newspaper on the East Coast.

Mrs. R. E. Mims and W. N. Hendry entertained the Methodist Aid society at the home of Mrs. Hendry Tuesday afternoon. There was a very large attendance, not only from Fort Pierce but also from other places on the river. The society, on motion of Mrs. Tomkies, took one share of stock in the Improvement club. All were delighted with the charming manner in which they were entertained. The next meeting will be a business meeting at the parsonage.

## MARRIAGE AT WHITE CITY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Olesen, in White City, Mrs. I. S. Lockhart and Mr. A. Louvet were married in the presence of a few friends. Congratulations are extended,